

Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV

01/23/2007 02:35 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Fraud report

Was the report that was drafted after the working group meeting or the interviews done with eac participant reviewed after the draft was completed.
Need this right away

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----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/24/2007 02:50 PM -----

Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV

01/26/2007 11:49 AM

To Elieen L. Kuala/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Re: 

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Elieen L. Kuala/EAC/GOV



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01/23/2007 02:14 PM

To "Karen Lynn-Dyson" <klynndyson@eac.gov>

cc

Subject

Hey Karen,

Did Barbara Arnwine ever attend ANY of the voter fraud working group meetings?

Thanks,

Elle
Elle Collver
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Elleen L. Kuala/EAC/GOV
01/26/2007 11:54 AM

To klynndyson@eac.gov@EAC
cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC
Subject Re:

I already got one, thanks!

Elle L.K. Kuala
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Subject Fw: 1099

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"Job Serebrov"

02/09/2007 05:33 PM

To "Julie Thompson-Hodgkins" <jhodgkins@eac.gov>

cc

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Job

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

02/09/2007 06:01 PM

To serebrov@sbcglobal.net

cc

Subject 1099

Job:

Julie just forwarded your inquiry. That figure looks too high to me, too! I'll check with our finance folks next Monday to find out what happened. Hope all is well with you.

Peggy Sims
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"Job Serebrov"

02/09/2007 05:57 PM

To "Julie Thompson-Hodgkins" <jhodgkins@eac.gov>

cc

Subject 1099 Incorrect

Julie:

I just added my invoices and I get only around \$39,700 including the travel expense reimbursement. The 1099 needs to be corrected.

Job

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"Job Serebrov"

02/09/2007 06:19 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: 1099

All is well Peg. How are you? I added up my invoices and it should be between \$39,700 and \$47,000 with the travel check included.

Regards,

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

02/12/2007 12:13 PM

To DScott@eac.gov, Bola Olu/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Possible Discrepancy on Contractor's 1099

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Election Research Specialist

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Bola Olu/EAC/GOV
02/12/2007 12:30 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC
cc DScott@eac.gov
Subject Re: Possible Discrepancy on Contractor's 1099 

Peggy:

I will look into this and get back to you.

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"Intelligence plus character...the goal of true education. Dr. Martin Luther King."

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Election Research Specialist

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV
04/23/2007 02:58 PM

To Curtis Crider/EAC/GOV@EAC
cc
bcc
Subject Re: documentation for evaluation 

Curtis:

I believe that the only items I have in hard copy, and not in electronic format, are my working copies of the contracts (official copies would be in the agency contract files), the monthly pay invoices and travel reimbursement requests submitted by the consultants, and some DOJ training documentation that was given to us on condition that we keep it confidential.

Other than emails, the documentation that is in electronic form is housed in EAC's shared drawer at T:\RESEARCH IN PROGRESS\VOTING FRAUD-VOTER INTIMIDATION. Do you have read access to that?

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Curtis Crider/EAC/GOV

Curtis Crider/EAC/GOV
04/23/2007 02:27 PM

To EAC Personnel
cc
Subject documentation for evaluation

All:

The Office of Inspector General has initiated an evaluation of the contracting process used by the EAC for the voter fraud and voter intimidation projects. In order for us to complete our evaluation, we need copies of all e-mails or other documents that you have regarding either project. Electronic documents can be sent to an e-mail account that we have set up- eacon@eac.gov. If you have any hard copy documents, please let me know.

If you do not have any documents or e-mails, please send me an e-mail to that effect.

Thank you,

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addressed. It may contain information that is privileged, confidential, or otherwise protected from disclosure under applicable law.

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV
05/01/2007 08:58 PM

To eacon@eac.gov
cc
bcc
Subject Vote Fraud Study-Archived Email Part 5

Fifth batch attached. More to come. --- Peggy Sims

Please do ask him. Thanks

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]
Sent: Monday, April 03, 2006 4:14 PM
To: wang@tcf.org; [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: DOJ Training Materials

Devon's response is attached. Guess I'll add this to the list of questions going to Donsanto.
---Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/03/2006 05:12 PM -----

Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

04/03/2006 04:21 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC
cc
Subject Re: DOJ Training Materials [Link](#)

Peggy,

The sections that you listed below are also empty in our copy. I have attached a copy of the complete table of contents with all of the section that are empty in our copy of the 2004 DOJ training binder.

Thanks,

Devon

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/03/2006 03:47 PM

To dromig@eac.gov
cc
Subject DOJ Training Materials

Devon:

One of our consultants noted that there are several sections appear to be missing from the 2004 DOJ training binder. She wasn't sure if it is because of what DOJ sent over to EAC or a problem in the photocopying. From what she can see, some of the table of contents is missing and tabs 14, 15, 16, 17, 21, 23 and 26 are all empty. I think we must have provided the T of C because I don't see one in the binder. Can you please retrieve the binder and check this out for me?

Thanks! --- Peggy

--- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/01/2007 08:46 PM ---



"Tony J. Sirvello III"

04/05/2006 05:01 PM

To psims@eac.gov
cc
Subject Re: Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Hi Peg,

I will call J.R. on Thursday to run it by him and let you know what he says. As for my availability on Wednesday, April 12, the answer is "yes". Morning is best for me, although I could be available in the afternoon. You choose a time and I will be here.

Thanks,

Tony

----- Original Message -----

From: psims@eac.gov

To: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, April 05, 2006 12:32 PM

Subject: Re: Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter

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Intimidation Working Group


Tony:

Which one do you think would be best? J.R. Perez, as Election Administrator, should have knowledge of voting fraud and voter intimidation in both voter registration and voting. I assume that, though Patricia is the voter registration supervisor, she also would have knowledge of voting fraud and voter intimidation in balloting. Would they be available in May for a meeting of the project working group? Who could best stand up to the DNC and RNC counsels?

On a related matter, would you be available for our consultants to interview you by telephone next Wednesday? If so, let me know a convenient time. I'll confirm the time with the two consultants, Job Serebrov and Tova Wang. Then, I'll get back to you with the toll-free line and pass code you will need to use for the teleconference.

Thanks!

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04/04/2006 02:17 PM

To "Peggy Sims" <psims@eac.gov>

cc

Subje Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation
ct Working Group

Good Afternoon Peg,

How about J. R. Perez, Elections Administrator, Guadalupe County or Patricia Benavides, Voting Registration Supervisor, Tarrant County, Texas?

Tony

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----- Original Message -----

From: Helen Jamison

To: Tony J. Sirvello III

Sent: Tuesday, April 04, 2006 11:46 AM

Subject: RE: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Dear Tony,

Unfortunately both Javier and myself have to decline in being members of the woking group from Texas. It is a bad time of the year where we have so many elections and would not be able to contribute enough time to doing research of any kind. Please keep us in mind for future meetings.

Helen Jamison

-----Original Message-----

From: Tony J. Sirvello III [mailto: [REDACTED]]

Sent: Monday, April 03, 2006 1:19 PM

To: Helen Jamison; Javier Chacon

Subject: Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Helen, Javier,

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Thanks,

Tony

----- Original Message -----

From: psims@eac.gov

To: [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2006 10:29 AM

Subject: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Tony:

Thanks for being willing to help me identify a qualified, nonpartisan local election official to serve on our Project Working Group for the preliminary research being conducted on voting fraud and voter intimidation.

Background

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04/06/2006 03:27 PM

To "Tony J. Sirvello III" [REDACTED]@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject Re: Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for
Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group [REDACTED]

Tony:

How about scheduling the teleconference with our consultants for 10 AM CST/11 AM EST on Wednesday, April 12? --- Peggy

— Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/01/2007 08:46 PM —



"Tova Wang"

<wang@tcf.org>

04/04/2006 09:49 AM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

cc

Subject RE: Project Working Group Meeting

No, except it means pushing everything back, ie the final report. I suppose we could, as we discussed, take a week or two off in May and tack it on to June. Theres no way we could write a final report in ten days, obviously. That would be fine with me.

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, April 04, 2006 8:46 AM

To: Tova Andrea Wang; Job Serebrov

Subject: Project Working Group Meeting

The Chairman and Vice Chairman are interested in attending the meeting. Due to schedule conflicts, they are asking us to look at the week of May 15. Does that pose a problem for either of youpeggy

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"Tova Wang"

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To "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED] psims@eac.gov

cc "Nicole Mortellito" <nmortellito@eac.gov>

Subject RE: working group meeting

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That's fine, just asking

-----Original Message-----

From: Job Serebrov [mailto: [REDACTED]]
 Sent: Wednesday, April 12, 2006 11:26 AM
 To: Tova Wang; psims@eac.gov
 Cc: 'Job Serebrov'; 'Nicole Mortellito'
 Subject: Re: working group meeting

It was my understanding that the meeting would be on the 15th or later.

Tova, Peggy is out of the office this week.

--- Tova Wang <wang@tcf.org> wrote:

> I cannot do it on May 5 now. Any update on a date?
 > I will be in DC for
 > other meetings May 4 - May 7 if that makes any
 > difference (EAC would not
 > have to pay my transportation if it was on, for
 > example, Monday May 8 or
 > possibly even the 9th) Thanks.
 >
 > Tova Andrea Wang
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 > phone: 212-452-7704 fax: 212-535-7534
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 > Visit our Web site, <<http://www.tcf.org/>>
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"Tova Wang"
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 04/11/2006 11:42 AM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]
 cc "Nicole Mortellito" <nmortellito@eac.gov>
 Subject RE: Kennedy Interview

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As I have alerted Nicole, the call is not working. Someone ought to get in touch with Kevin -- I do not have his contact information.

-----Original Message-----


From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]
Sent: Monday, April 10, 2006 8:45 PM
To: Tova Andrea Wang; Job Serebrov
Subject: Kennedy Interview

It appears that the teleconference with Kevin Kennedy is set for tomorrow, April 11, at 10:30 AM CST/11:30 AM EST. Use the usual phone number (866-222-9044) and passcode (62209).

If you have trouble connecting, contact Nicole..
Peg

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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 Nicole
Mortellito/CONTRACTOR/EA
C/GOV
04/11/2006 11:45 AM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>@GSAEXTERNAL
cc psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]
Subject RE: Kennedy Interview [REDACTED]

the call is up and running!! you may dial in

Regards,

Nicole K. Mortellito
Research Assistant
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Washington, DC
202.566.2209 phone
202.566.3128 fax

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

04/11/2006 11:42 AM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]
cc

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"Nicole Mortellito" <nmortellito@eac.gov>
Subject RE: Kennedy Interview

As I have alerted Nicole, the call is not working. Someone ought to get in touch with Kevin -- I do not have his contact information.

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]
Sent: Monday, April 10, 2006 8:45 PM
To: Tova Andrea Wang; Job Serebrov
Subject: Kennedy Interview

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Peg

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Nicole
Mortellito/CONTRACTOR/EA
C/GOV

04/10/2006 10:05 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC
cc

Subject Re: Teleconference set up

You are set for the 12th at 11am 866-222-9044 pass code 62209

Regards,

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/09/2006 11:15 PM

To "Nicole Mortellito" <nmortellito@eac.gov>

cc "Edgardo Cortes" <ecortes@eac.gov>

Subject Tleconference set up

Nicole:

Could you please help me set up a teleconference for Wednesday, April 12 at 11 AM EST (for 1 hour)?
Please send me confirmation.

Peg

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"Weinberg and Utrecht"

04/04/2006 08:14 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Peggy:

May looks pretty good right now. I will not be available May 1, or in the morning (before 12:30) on May 4 or May 11, or in the afternoon on May 10.

Barry

----- Original Message -----

From: psims@eac.gov

To: [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, April 03, 2006 3:15 PM

Subject: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Hi, Barry:

I'm trying to arrange a meeting of the Working Group for EAC's Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation project. Would you please look at your schedule and let me know if there are any days during the first 2 weeks of May that you would NOT be available?

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"Tova Wang"
<wang@tcf.org>
04/03/2006 03:45 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]
cc

Subject RE: Mentioning DOJ Training Guidance

I didn't have anything specific in mind yet, especially as I have not finished going through the voluminous documentation, but I will let you know

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]
Sent: Monday, April 03, 2006 2:41 PM
To: wang@tcf.org, [REDACTED]
Subject: Mentioning DOJ Training Guidance

Tova and Job:

Craig Donsanto responds that it is not possible for him to assess the level of public attribution that would be appropriate without seeing the substantive stuff in context. He does not foresee a problem; but recommends that I provide him with the draft text. He will review it to ensure we are not disclosing things we shouldn't disclose.

Therefore, please provide the draft text to me ASAP, so that I can forward it to him for review. I suspect he will provide me with a prompt response, which I will forward to you.

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"Kennedy, Kevin"
<Kevin.Kennedy@seb.state.wi.us>
04/09/2006 11:13 AM

To "psims@eac.gov" <psims@eac.gov>
cc

Subject RE: Interview

That time is fine. A half hour earlier would be better. I also have a 12 CDT meeting.

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]
Sent: Friday, April 07, 2006 12:27 PM

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To: Kevin Kennedy
Subject: Interview

Kevin:

I'm just following up on my request for your availability to be interviewed by our consultants for our voting fraud/voter intimidation project. Are you available Tuesday, April 11 at 11 AM CST?
Peggy Sims

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/03/2006 05:11 PM

To "Job Serebrov"

cc

Subject Re: Working Group Contact Info 

Thanks, Job! --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" 



"Job Serebrov"

04/03/2006 04:57 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Working Group Contact Info

Norcross's assistant is Maria Rivers:
Rivers@BlankRome.com

Rokita's assistant is:

Amy Miller
Executive Assistant
Indiana Secretary of State Todd Rokita
317-232-6536
assistant@sos.in.gov

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Please review the attached and let me know of any
> corrections that should
> be made. Thanks! --- Peggy
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"Job Serebrov"

04/03/2006 03:46 PM

To psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org

cc

Subject Re: Mentioning DOJ Training Guidance

Lets discuss this in 10 minutes.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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"Tova Wang"

<wang@tcf.org>

04/04/2006 01:30 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED] "Tova Wang"
<wang@tcf.org>

Subject working group agenda

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Hi Peg,

Attached is a draft of an agenda for the working group. Let us know what you think. Thanks. Tova

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"Job Serebroy"

04/04/2006 12:35 PM

To psims@eac.gov, "Tova Andrea Wang" <wang@tcf.org>
cc

Subject Re: Project Working Group Meeting

Peggy:

Here is my situation. I am to go to work full time for the Governor at some time in June. I just don't know when and because we are having a special session right now, no one can give me any indications as to the date. The special session will last for at least two weeks. However, I had to arrange a job because the contract ends at the end of May. So---all of this said--if, for instance, I go to work for the Governor the first week of June, I will only be able to work on EAC matters after hours at night.

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

>
> The Chairman and Vice Chairman are interested in
> attending the meeting. Due
> to schedule conflicts, they are asking us to look at
> the week of May 15.
> Does that pose a problem for either of youpeggy
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> -----
> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld
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"Tova Wang"
<wang@tcf.org>

04/11/2006 10:24 AM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

cc

Subject RE: Kennedy Interview

Sorry, you mean its today. OK, thanks. Tova

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/05/2006 01:24 PM

To Kevin Kennedy

cc

Subject Interview Request

Kevin:

Following up on yesterday's conversation, would you be available next Tuesday (4/11) to be interviewed by phone by our consultants on the Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation research project? The interview is likely to take less than an hour. You pick the time and I'll confirm it with our consultants, Tova Wang and Job Serebrov. Then, I'll send you an email with the toll-free number and pass code that you will need for the teleconference.

EAC is conducting this preliminary research to determine how best to meet HAVA requirements. Section 241 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 requires EAC to conduct research on election administration issues. Among the issues listed in the statute are the development of:

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- nationwide statistics and methods of identifying, deterring, and investigating voting fraud in elections for Federal office [section 241(b)(6)]; and
- methods of identifying, deterring, and investigating methods of voter intimidation [section 241(b)(7)].

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks.

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04/03/2006 04:33 PM

To Tova Andrea Wang, Job Serebrov

cc

Subject Working Group Contact Info

Please review the attached and let me know of any corrections that should be made. Thanks! --- Peggy



Work Group Contact Info.xls

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04/03/2006 03:41 PM

To "Donsanto, Craig"

<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Thanks, Craig! --- Peggy

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"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>



"Donsanto, Craig"

<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

>

04/03/2006 03:16 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Hello Peg!

God willing, I will be here the first two weeks of May.

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As for your second question, it is not possible for me to assess the level of public attribution that would be appropriate without seeing the substantive stuff in context. I do not foresee a problem. So, I recommend that you get me a draft text and I will review it to ensure we are not disclosing things we shouldn't disclose.

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]
Sent: Monday, April 03, 2006 3:13 PM
To: Donsanto, Craig
Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Craig:

I have 2 issues for you today.

First, I am trying to schedule a meeting of the project working group for EAC's Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation research project. As a technical advisor on this project, your attendance is particularly important to me. Would you please look at your schedule and let me know if there are any days during the first 2 weeks of May that you would NOT be available?

Second, is it OK for our consultants to refer in their report to guidance provided in the DOJ training materials? I ask this because I understood that some materials in the materials are considered confidential and we do not want to violate your confidentiality provisions. If there is a compromise position, such as having you review that portion of the consultants' report, then let me know.

Thanks!

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"Tova Wang"
<wang@tcf.org>
04/10/2006 11:04 AM

To psims@eac.gov
cc "'Job Serebrov"' [REDACTED]
Subject small question for Donsanto

Could you please also ask him what the training materials are referring to when they discuss "ballot box stuffing?" Does this mean elections workers add extra votes? Thanks so much. Tova

Tova Andrea Wang

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04/03/2006 05:01 PM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc [REDACTED]

Subject RE: Working Group Contact Info [REDACTED]

Craig is on the list because the Commission requested he serve as a technical advisory to the project. Although not a member of the project working group, I do need to check his availability for the meeting.

I tried to tell you on the phone that we still are trying to confirm the El Paso County, TX election official for the working group. (Several attempts have been made to contact the Election Director, but she has been out of town.) If we can't get her, we will try for her deputy (also Hispanic). Once I have a response that one of them is willing to serve, I'll update the contact info table and see if I can't get a bio for you two to review. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



"Tova Wang"

<wang@tcf.org>

04/03/2006 04:50 PM

To psims@eac.gov [REDACTED]

cc

Subject RE: Working Group Contact Info

Why is Craig Donsanto on the list? And what happened about the local election official? Thanks. Tova

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

Sent: Monday, April 03, 2006 3:33 PM

To: wang@tcf.org [REDACTED]

Subject: Working Group Contact Info

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Peggy

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"Tova Wang"

<wang@tcf.org>

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04/11/2006 10:12 AM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]
cc

Subject RE: Kennedy Interview

That gives us no time between interviews though, right? We've never been able to really limit it to 30 minutes.

-----Original Message-----

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To: Tova Andrea Wang; Job Serebrov
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Peg

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"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

04/06/2006 09:56 AM

To psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org
cc

Subject Re: Upcoming Interviews-DOJ Info

Peggy:

The interviews are ok with me.

Tova:

I think I should write the review on the IFES white paper instead of the red book.

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Hi, Job and Tova:
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> Tony Sirvello (former election director for Harris
> County, TX and current
> Executive Director of the International Association
> of Clerks, Recorders,
> Election Officials and Treasurers) can make himself
> available for an
> interview next Wednesday morning (4/12). He is on
> CST. Is there a time
> that works well for the two of you? How about 10 AM
> CST/11 AM EST? I saw
> Kevin Kennedy at a meeting in our office this past
> Tuesday. We are trying
> to set up an interview with him next Tuesday (4/11).
>
> I asked Donsanto about an updated version of his
> Prosecution of Election
> Offenses. He responded that it is at the printers
> and will not be
> available for a couple of months. In the interim,
> he referred me to the
> white paper he did for IFES, which I have attached.
> He said that the
> white paper includes the same information on the
> prosecution of election
> fraud that will be in the book. --- Peggy
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wang@tcf.org

04/02/2006 06:56 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED] "Tova Wang"
<wang@tcf.org>

Subject doj training materials

Hi Peg,

I've just made it through the 2004 binder of materials and have two questions. First, I understand that these materials are confidential, but may we refer to guidance provided in them in our report? Otherwise they are of not much use to us. There's not that much in it that would add to what Donsanto and Tanner told us, but there are a few issues raised that I believe might be germane.

Second, there are several sections evidently missing from the 2004 binder and I'm not sure if that's because of what Donsanto sent over or a problem in the photocopying. From what I can see, some of the table of contents is missing and tabs 14, 15, 16, 17, 21, 23 and 26 are all empty. Can you please look into this?

Thanks and I look forward to speaking to you tomorrow. Tova

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04/05/2006 01:32 PM

To "Tony J. Sirvello III" [REDACTED]@GSAEXTERNAL
cc
Subject Re: Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for
Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group [REDACTED]

Tony:

Which one do you think would be best? J.R. Perez, as Election Administrator, should have knowledge of voting fraud and voter intimidation in both voter registration and voting. I assume that, though Patricia is the voter registration supervisor, she also would have knowledge of voting fraud and voter intimidation in balloting. Would they be available in May for a meeting of the project working group? Who could best stand up to the DNC and RNC counsels?

On a related matter, would you be available for our consultants to interview you by telephone next Wednesday? If so, let me know a convenient time. I'll confirm the time with the two consultants, Job Serebrov and Tova Wang. Then, I'll get back to you with the toll-free line and pass code you will need to use for the teleconference.

Thanks!

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"Tony J. Sirvello III" [REDACTED]



"Tony J. Sirvello III"

[REDACTED]
04/04/2006 02:17 PM

To "Peggy Sims" <psims@eac.gov>
cc
Subject Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting
Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Good Afternoon Peg,

How about J. R. Perez, Elections Administrator, Guadalupe County or Patricia Benavides, Voting Registration Supervisor, Tarrant County, Texas?

Tony

----- Original Message -----

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From: Helen Jamison

To: Tony J. Sirvello III

Sent: Tuesday, April 04, 2006 11:46 AM

Subject: RE: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Dear Tony,

Unfortunately both Javier and myself have to decline in being members of the woking group from Texas. It is a bad time of the year where we have so many elections and would not be able to contribute enough time to doing research of any kind. Please keep us in mind for future meetings.

Helen Jamison

-----Original Message-----

From: Tony J. Sirvello III [mailto: [REDACTED]]

Sent: Monday, April 03, 2006 1:19 PM

To: Helen Jamison; Javier Chacon

Subject: Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Helen, Javier,

Attached is the information from the EAC requesting your services as a member of the working group from Texas. Please let me know in a couple of days if one of you will be able to participate. If you need more information, call me and I will conference in with Peggy Sims, who can give you more details.

Thanks,

Tony

----- Original Message -----

From: psims@eac.gov

To: [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2006 10:29 AM

Subject: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Tony:

Thanks for being willing to help me identify a qualified, nonpartisan local election official to serve on our Project Working Group for the preliminary research being conducted on voting fraud and voter intimidation.

Background

Section 241 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 requires EAC to conduct research on election administration issues. Among the issues listed in the statute are the development of:

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1. nationwide statistics and methods of identifying, deterring, and investigating voting fraud in elections for Federal office [section 241(b)(6)]; and
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EAC's Board of Advisors recommended that EAC make research on these topics a high priority.

Preliminary EAC Research

Subsequently, the Commission contracted with two consultants (Tova Wang and Job Serebrov) to:

1. develop a comprehensive description of what constitutes voting fraud and voter intimidation in the context of Federal elections;
2. perform preliminary research on these topics (including Federal and State administrative and case law review), identify related activities of key government agencies and civic and advocacy organizations, and deliver a summary of this research and all source documentation;
3. convene a meeting of a project working group composed of key individuals and representatives of organizations knowledgeable about the topics of voting fraud and voter intimidation, provide the results of the preliminary research to the working group, and record the working group's deliberations; and
4. produce a report to EAC summarizing the findings of the preliminary research effort and working group deliberations that includes recommendations for future EAC action, if any.

The Project Working Group will probably meet only once during this preliminary research effort (probably in late April) to review the consultants research and provide input. Other members of the Working Group are lawyers from advocacy groups and major political parties, two State election officials, and Barry Weinberg, former Deputy Chief of DOJ's Voting Section, Civil Rights Division. Craig Donsanto, Director of DOJ's Election Crimes Branch will serve as a technical advisor to the group.

I really appreciate any help you can offer in identifying a qualified individual to fill the slot on the Working Group that has been reserved for an experienced, nonpartisan local election official.

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"Tony J. Sirvello III" [REDACTED]



"Tony J. Sirvello III"

[REDACTED]
04/04/2006 02:17 PM

To "Peggy Sims" <psims@eac.gov>

cc

Subject Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

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Good Afternoon Peg,

How about J. R. Perez, Elections Administrator, Guadalupe County or Patricia Benavides, Voting Registration Supervisor, Tarrant County, Texas?

Tony

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2. perform preliminary research on these topics (including Federal and State administrative and case law review), identify related activities of key government agencies and civic and advocacy organizations, and deliver a summary of this research and all source documentation;
3. convene a meeting of a project working group composed of key individuals and representatives of organizations knowledgeable about the topics of voting fraud and voter intimidation, provide the results of the preliminary research to the working group, and record the working group's deliberations; and
4. produce a report to EAC summarizing the findings of the preliminary research effort and working group deliberations that includes recommendations for future EAC action, if any.

The Project Working Group will probably meet only once during this preliminary research effort (probably in late April) to review the consultants research and provide input. Other members of the Working Group are lawyers from advocacy groups and major political parties, two State election officials, and Barry Weinberg, former Deputy Chief of DOJ's Voting Section, Civil Rights Division. Craig Donsanto, Director of DOJ's Election Crimes Branch will serve as a technical advisor to the group.

I really appreciate any help you can offer in identifying a qualified individual to fill the slot on the Working Group that has been reserved for an experienced, nonpartisan local election official.

Peggy Sims
Election Research Specialist
U.S. Election Assistance Commission

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/05/2006 05:45 PM

To "Donsanto, Craig"

<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

OK, thanks. I can access the IFES web site. That will give the consultants something to work with. ---
Peg

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>



"Donsanto, Craig"

<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

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04/05/2006 05:32 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

The fraud chapter has been published by IFES as part of their Money and Politics Program. It's on their website. I tweaked the text a bit and presented it in Abjua. The rest of it is regrettably not public at present.

Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>

To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>

Sent: Wed Apr 05 17:26:12 2006

Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Is there any way to get an advance copy? Our consultants will need to review it before you receive your printed versions. --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

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To
psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject
Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

The 7th edition is done and on its way to the printer. It is my hope to get it
our in a couple months.

Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>
To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>
Sent: Wed Apr 05 13:05:15 2006
Subject: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Craig:

In reviewing the great materials you gave our consultants, we have not found
an updated draft of your famous Prosecution of Election Offenses. Is that
available for review? If you have a pdf version, I could pass that on to our
consultants (noting any restrictions you may have on use).

Also, we noticed some gaps in the 2004 DOJ training binder. It appears that
we are missing the Chris Herren information from Panel 3 and something titled
"July 21, 2004" from Panel 4. If these were removed because we should not see
them, just let me know.

I also have to check your availability the week of May15. I'm still trying to
find a date that everyone will be available for the working group meeting.

Sorry to bug you. Hope all is going well.

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/03/2006 03:15 PM

To Barry Weinberg

cc

Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Hi, Barry:

I'm trying to arrange a meeting of the Working Group for EAC's Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation project. Would you please look at your schedule and let me know if there are any days during the first 2 weeks of May that you would NOT be available?

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/06/2006 03:33 PM

To Edgardo Cortes

cc

Subject Interview for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project

I've been trying to schedule an interview (by teleconference) among our two consultants, Tova Wang and Job Serebrov. and an election attorney, Colleen McAndrews (310/458-1405). I had to leave your name with her assistant, today, just in case she calls back when I am out of the office.

The EAC consultants are available for interviews next week before 4:30 AM EST on Monday (4/10) and in the afternoon on Wednesday (4/12). Email info on any teleconferences scheduled to Job (serebrov@sbcglobal.net) and Tova (wang@tcf.org). Job operates on CST; Tova on EST.

Thanks! --- Peggy

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wang@tcf.org

04/06/2006 05:05 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Upcoming Interviews-DOJ Info

That time is fine for me. Thanks.

----- Original Message -----

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From: psims@eac.gov
To: [REDACTED] wang@tcf.org
Sent: Thursday, April 06, 2006 9:35 AM
Subject: Upcoming Interviews-DOJ Info

Hi, Job and Tova:

Tony Sirvello (former election director for Harris County, TX and current Executive Director of the International Association of Clerks, Recorders, Election Officials and Treasurers) can make himself available for an interview next Wednesday morning (4/12). He is on CST. Is there a time that works well for the two of you? How about 10 AM CST/11 AM EST? I saw Kevin Kennedy at a meeting in our office this past Tuesday. We are trying to set up an interview with him next Tuesday (4/11).

I asked Donsanto about an updated version of his *Prosecution of Election Offenses*. He responded that it is at the printers and will not be available for a couple of months. In the interim, he referred me to the white paper he did for IFES, which I have attached. He said that the white paper includes the same information on the prosecution of election fraud that will be in the book. --- Peggy

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"Kennedy, Kevin"
<Kevin.Kennedy@seb.state.wi.us>

04/10/2006 02:35 PM

To "psims@eac.gov" <psims@eac.gov>

cc

Subject RE: Interview

Thank you.

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]
Sent: Monday, April 10, 2006 11:02 AM
To: Kevin Kennedy
Subject: Re: Interview

I am trying to arrange the teleconference for 10:30 AM CST tomorrow, April 11. Will get back to you once confirmed.
Peggy

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Original Message -----

From: "Kennedy, Kevin" [Kevin.Kennedy@seb.state.wi.us]
Sent: 04/09/2006 11:13 AM
To: "'psims@eac.gov'" <psims@eac.gov>
Subject: RE: Interview

That time is fine. A half hour earlier would be better. I also have a 12 CDT

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meeting.

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]
Sent: Friday, April 07, 2006 12:27 PM
To: Kevin Kennedy
Subject: Interview

Kevin:

I'm just following up on my request for your availability to be interviewed by our consultants for our voting fraud/voter intimidation project. Are you available Tuesday, April 11 at 11 AM CST?
Peggy Sims

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/01/2007 08:46 PM -----



Nicole
Mortellito/CONTRACTOR/EA
C/GOV
04/11/2006 11:45 AM

To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>@GSAEXTERNAL
cc psims@eac.gov
Subject conf call is up and running

all dial in info is the same!

Regards,

Nicole K. Mortellito
Research Assistant
U.S. Election Assistance Commission
1225 New York Avenue - Suite 1100
Washington, DC
202.566.2209 phone
202.566.3128 fax

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV
04/03/2006 03:18 PM

To wang@tcf.org@GSAEXTERNAL
cc [REDACTED]
Subject Re: doj training materials

Tova:

I'm checking with Craig regarding reference in our report to the DOJ training materials. The 2004 DOJ training materials did not have a table of contents. I think Devon added that to help you find your way

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through the materials. I'll have her check her copy and will get back to you.

Talk with you at 4. --- Peggy

wang@tcf.org



wang@tcf.org
04/02/2006 06:56 PM

To psims@eac.gov
cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED] "Tova Wang"
<wang@tcf.org>
Subject doj training materials

Hi Peg,

I've just made it through the 2004 binder of materials and have two questions. First, I understand that these materials are confidential, but may we refer to guidance provided in them in our report? Otherwise they are of not much use to us. There's not that much in it that would add to what Donsanto and Tanner told us, but there are a few issues raised that I believe might be germane.

Second, there are several sections evidently missing from the 2004 binder and I'm not sure if that's because of what Donsanto sent over or a problem in the photocopying. From what I can see, some of the table of contents is missing and tabs 14, 15, 16, 17, 21, 23 and 26 are all empty. Can you please look into this?

Thanks and I look forward to speaking to you tomorrow. Tova

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV
04/07/2006 11:12 AM

To wang@tcf.org
cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC, Edgardo
Cortes/EAC/GOV@EAC
Subject Travel voucher

Ms. Wang,

My name is Devon Romig and I am working with Peggy and Edgardo at the EAC. I have completed a travel voucher for you and I need your signature in order to submit the voucher.

If you could please respond with a fax number, I will send you a copy of the voucher.

Let me know if you have any other questions.

Sincerely,

Devon Romig
United States Election Assistance Commission

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202.566.3100

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/01/2007 08:46 PM -----



"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]

04/17/2006 11:03 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Invoice Schedule

I just saw what you did. I should be out of hours at the end of May. I believe I will be working for the state in June which will make it difficult to find time to finish and could slow things down but I am not yet sure of that.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Attached is an updated invoice schedule for the FY
> 06 contracts for the
> Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation project. --- Peggy
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/17/2006 11:48 AM

To Tova Andrea Wang

cc

Subject Interviews

I know you preferred Friday, but Job is not available then. He also said he is not available next week. Do you have any time available this Wednesday? --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/17/2006 11:45 AM -----



"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]

04/17/2006 11:06 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Follow up Donsanto and KY Interviews

I can't do it Friday but Wednesday is ok.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Tova and Job:

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/17/2006 10:48 AM

To Job Serebrov, Tova Andrea Wang

cc

Subject Invoice Schedule

Attached is an updated invoice schedule for the FY 06 contracts for the Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation project. --- Peggy



FY06 Contracts Invoice Schedule.xls

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— Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/01/2007 08:46 PM —



"Job Serebrov"

04/17/2006 10:45 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Interviews

That's what I am concerned about. I think we need to end all interviews with Sarah Ball Johnson. With the literature reviews I am finishing, the case write up and the Tova's Nexis research that I need to read, I will have about 45 hours left for the Working Group meeting and final write up.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> I have to check with Conny McCormack to see if
> things have settled down
> for her enough so that she would be available. I
> have had no response to
> my overtures to Colleen McAndrews' office. I can
> try again, but I have to
> be out of town again, from Wednesday through Friday
> this week, on another
> research contract and for EAC's public meeting in
> Seattle. Were you able
> to get through to Mike McCarthy?
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> Please remember to watch your time. We'll need to
> reserve some of your
> time for the working group meeting and the
> subsequent reports. --- Peggy
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> "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>
> 04/17/2006 10:17 AM
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> psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org
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"Tova Wang"
<wang@tcf.org>
04/17/2006 10:21 AM

To "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED] psims@eac.gov
cc

Subject RE: Announcement of FBI Election Crimes Initiative

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We could skim it

-----Original Message-----

From: Job Serebrov [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2006 9:13 AM
To: Tova Wang; psims@eac.gov
Subject: RE: Announcement of FBI Election Crimes Initiative

Tova-Do we have time to review this?

--- Tova Wang <wang@tcf.org> wrote:

> Is it possible to get the materials they are using
> for the trainings?
> Thanks Peg.

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]
> Sent: Monday, April 17, 2006 9:08 AM
> To: wang@tcf.org; [REDACTED]
> Subject: Fw: Announcement of FBI Election Crimes
> Initiative

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> See Donsanto response below.--- Peggy

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> ----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on
> 04/17/2006 10:07 AM -----

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> "Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

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> 04/17/2006 09:56 AM

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> To

> psims@eac.gov

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> cc

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> Subject

> RE: Announcement of FBI Election Crimes Initiative

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> Peg - -

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> This is essentially FBI's equivalent of the
> Department's Ballot Access and
> Integrity Initiative. The news conference on
> Thursday announced that FBI
> was enhancing its prioritization of campaign
> financing offenses. The main

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> feature of this initiative, aside from enhancing the
> priority these cases
> will get in the Bureau, is that each of the Bureau's
> 57 Field Divisions will
> have at least one "Election Coordinator Agent" who
> will be the equivalent of
> the District Election Officer AUSAs. We have been
> training these new
> FBI-types: the week before last we had roughly 75 of
> them in Denver in a
> very well received two-day session in election law enforcement at
> which several FEC people spoke. On Wednesday, I head out
> to Portland, Oregon for
> more of the same.

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> From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

> Sent: Monday, April 17, 2006 9:00 AM

> To: Donsanto, Craig

> Subject: Fw: Announcement of FBI Election Crimes

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"Tova Wang"
<wang@tcf.org>

04/17/2006 09:20 AM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]

cc

Subject RE: Follow up Donsanto and KY Interviews

Any time Friday is fine for me. Thanks

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

Sent: Monday, April 17, 2006 8:05 AM

To: wang@tcf.org; [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Follow up Donsanto and KY Interviews

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--- Peggy

wang@tcf.org

04/16/2006 11:39
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psims@eac.gov

To

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"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

Subject

donsanto again

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<http://www.fbi.gov/page2/april06/electioncrime041406.htm>

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"Job Serebrov"

04/17/2006 10:17 AM

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"Tony J. Sirvella III"

04/07/2006 08:52 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for
Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Good Morning Peg,

That works for me....I will stay off the phone and wait on the call.

Have A Great Weekend,

Tony

----- Original Message -----

From: psims@eac.gov

To: [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, April 06, 2006 2:27 PM

Subject: Re: Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter
Intimidation Working Group

Tony:

How about scheduling the teleconference with our consultants for 10 AM CST/11 AM EST on
Wednesday, April 12? --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/01/2007 08:46 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/17/2006 08:59 AM

To Craig Donsanto

cc

Subject Fw: Announcement of FBI Election Crimes Initiative

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Hi, Craig:

Tova noticed an article about an FBI initiative against election crimes (see attached email). Is this something new, or is it more of the same initiative that you addressed in your interview? If it is new, would you have time for a teleconference with Job and Tova to answer any questions they may have on the initiative?

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wang@tcf.org

04/16/2006 11:39 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

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"Tony J. Sirvello III"

04/11/2006 03:40 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for
Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Good Afternoon Peg,

I will make the call as scheduled. I am still in shock about Ray.

Tony

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----- Original Message -----

From: psims@eac.gov

To: [Tony Sirvello](#)

Sent: Monday, April 10, 2006 6:04 PM

Subject: Re: Fw: Nonpartisan Local Election Official Needed for Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group

Tony:

We have set up your telephone interview with our 2 consultants (Job Serebrov and Tova Wang) as a teleconference. Please call 1-866-222-9044 (toll free) at around 10 AM CST on Wed 4/12. At the prompt for the passcode, enter 62209. Tova and Job will join you on the line. This works best if you use a land line, rather than a cell phone.

If you have trouble connecting, please call Nicole Mortellito at our office (866-747-7421. Thanks!

Peggy

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Original Message -----

From: "Tony J. Sirvello III" [REDACTED]

Sent: 04/07/2006 08:52 AM

To: Margaret Sims

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV
04/30/2007 08:39 PM

To eacon@eac.gov
cc
bcc
Subject Vote Fraud Stidy-Archived Email Part 4

The 4th batch. More to come tomorrow.
Peg Sims

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV
05/09/2006 11:44 AM

To "Job Serebrov"
cc [REDACTED]@GSAEXTERNAL
Subject Re: Working Group-Perez 

OK, I get it. The text in the attachment follows:

EXCERPTS FROM TEXAS ELECTION CODE

SUBCHAPTER B. COUNTY ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR

§ 31.032. APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR; COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION.

(a) The position of county elections administrator is filled by appointment of the county election commission, which consists of:

- (1) the county judge, as chair;
- (2) the county clerk, as vice chair;
- (3) the county tax assessor-collector, as secretary; and
- (4) the county chair of each political party that made nominations

by primary election for the last general election for state and county officers preceding the date of the meeting at which the appointment is made.

(b) The affirmative vote of a majority of the commission's membership is necessary for the appointment of an administrator.

(c) Each appointment must be evidenced by a written resolution or order signed by the number of commission members necessary to make the appointment. Not later than the third day after the date an administrator is appointed, the officer who presided at the meeting shall file a signed copy of the resolution or order with the county clerk. Not later than the third day after the date the copy is filed, the county clerk shall deliver a certified copy of the resolution or order to the secretary of state.

(d) The initial appointment may be made at any time after the adoption of the order creating the position.

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§ 31.035. RESTRICTIONS ON POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.

(a) A county elections administrator may not be a candidate for a public office or an office of a political party, hold a public office, or hold an office of or position in a political party. At the time an administrator becomes a candidate or accepts an office or position in violation of this subsection, the administrator vacates the position of administrator.

(b) A county elections administrator commits an offense if the administrator makes a political contribution or political expenditure, as defined by the law regulating political funds and campaigns, or publicly supports or opposes a candidate for public office or a measure to be voted on at an election. An offense under this subsection is a Class A misdemeanor. On a final conviction, the administrator's employment is terminated, and the person convicted is ineligible for future appointment as county elections administrator.

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]



"Job Serebrov"

05/09/2006 11:38 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Working Group-Perez

The code attachment did not work that is what I meant by it did not come through.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Did you look at the attached excerpts from Texas
> Code? --- Peggy
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>
> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]
> 05/09/2006 11:23 AM
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> To
> psims@eac.gov
> cc
> wang@tcf.org
> Subject
> Re: Working Group-Perez
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> We have the same set-up here in Arkansas. We hired a
> person just like Perez. However, given this, I would
> still like to know if he has a party affiliation and
> this brings up another issue. How is the county
> election commission chosen. In Arkansas it is the
> Chairmen of the Republican and Democrat Parties or
> if
> he/she does not want to serve a person is elected in
> his/her stead and a third member picked by the party
> with the most constitutional officers. Practically
> that has meant that the Democrats have controlled
> election commissions in Arkansas since the end of
> Reconstruction. This is why I want to know the
> situation in Texas.

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> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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> > As you may recall, the Commissioners directed me
> to
> > find a nonpartisan
> > local election official to serve on the Working
> > Group. The three of us
> > discussed the desirability of having a HIspanic.
> I
> > proposed that I find
> > someone from Texas because of that State's
> colorful
> > history of voting
> > fraud and their innovative approaches to combat
> it.
> > In those Texas
> > counties that hire Election Administrators to run
> > elections, rather than
> > having elected officials do so (Tax Assessor for
> > voter registration;
> > County Clerk for balloting), the Election
> > Administrator is hired by the
> > County Election Commission and is supposed to
> > perform his or her duties in
> > a nonpartisan manner. (See attached excerpts from
> > Texas Election Code
> > regarding election administrator hiring and
> > restrictions on partisan
> > activity.)
> > Any experienced Texas election official will be
> > familiar with voting fraud
> > and voter intimidation schemes used in that State.
>
> > Mr. Perez has over 13
> > years experience as a county Election
> Administrator
> > in Texas. You won't
> > find many news articles mentioning him because he
> > has kept his nose clean.
> > (The Texas press, as in many other parts of the
> > country, prefers to
> > report bad news.) Mr. Perez is plugged into the

> > association of Texas
 > > election officials and the two largest
 > organizations
 > > of election officials
 > > in this country: the International Association of
 > > Clerks, Recorders,
 > > Election Officials and Treasurers (IACREOT); and
 > The
 > > Election Center. He
 > > is a past President and past Chairman of the
 > > Legislative Committee for the
 > > Texas Association of Election Administrators. He
 > > currently serves on
 > > IACREOT's Election Officials Committee, which
 > plans
 > > the educational
 > > sessions for election officials that are conducted
 > > at that organization's
 > > conferences. His peers in IACREOT and The
 > Election
 > > Center have selected
 > > his submissions on web presentations (IACREOT) and
 > > his professional
 > > practices papers (Election Center) for awards.
 > Mr.
 > > Perez also has access
 > > to information from other States through his
 > > membership in IACREOT and The
 > > Election Center. He also has a sense of humor,
 > > which you will note if you
 > > access the staff web page on the Guadalupe County
 > > Elections web site and
 > > hear the Mission Impossible theme .. something
 > that
 > > might be useful in the
 > > upcoming meeting.
 > >
 > > Guadalupe County is small but growing. In 2004,
 > the
 > > county had over 65
 > > thousand registered voters (a number more than
 > > doubled the number of
 > > registered voters in 1988). A third of the
 > county's
 > > population claims
 > > Hispanic or Latino origin, according to the U.S.
 > > Census Bureau. The county
 > > is in south central Texas and is bordered by
 > Comal,
 > > Hays, Cladwell,
 > > Gonzales, Wilson, and Bexar counties. In the
 > 1980s,
 > > the county was
 > > predominately a farming community; but in recent
 > > years, many people have
 > > moved from San Antonio (Bexar County) to Guadalupe
 > > County, preferring to
 > > live in Guadalupe County and work in Bexar County.
 > >
 > > --- Peggy
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--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Tova just sent me the summary you prepared of The
> Federal Crime of
> Election Fraud by Craig Donsanto. There is
> something wrong in the fourth
> paragraph (odd characters and missing text). Can
> you please send a
> replacement fourth paragraph? You can send it in
> an email and I will
> place it in the document. --- Peggy
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/12/2006 10:19 AM

To Tova Andrea Wang, Job Serebrov

cc

Subject Fraud Definition

Would you please take a look at the attached? I combined both of your definitions, reformatted the list, removed a reference to the fraud having to have an actual impact on the election results (because fraud can be prosecuted without proving that it actually changed the results of the election), and taken out a couple of vague examples (e.g.; reference to failing to enforce state laws --- because there may be legitimate reasons for not doing so).

I have made contact with Ben Ginsberg's office and am waiting to hear if he accepts our invitation to join the working group. --- Peggy



Fraud Project Definition-rev 5-12-06.doc

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/27/2006 09:24 AM

To "Weinberg and Utrecht"

cc

[REDACTED]@GSAEXTERNAL

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Thanks! I'll get back to you. --- Peggy

"Weinberg and Utrecht" [REDACTED]



"Weinberg and Utrecht"

04/27/2006 07:56 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

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Peggy:

You've hit the jackpot! I'm available, with 2 exceptions, every hour of every day from May 15 through May 19. I am not available Thursday morning, May 18, or Friday afternoon, May 19.

Barry

----- Original Message -----

From: psims@eac.gov

To: [Barry Weinberg](#)

Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2006 8:28 PM

Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Barry:

Are you available any days in the third week of May?

Peggy

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Original Message -----

From: "Weinberg and Utrecht" [REDACTED]

Sent: 04/04/2006 08:14 AM

To: Margaret Sims

Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Peggy:

May looks pretty good right now. I will not be available May 1, or in the morning (before 12:30) on May 4 or May 11, or in the afternoon on May 10.

Barry

----- Original Message -----

From: psims@eac.gov

To: [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, April 03, 2006 3:15 PM

Subject: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Hi, Barry:

I'm trying to arrange a meeting of the Working Group for EAC's Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation project. Would you please look at your schedule and let me know if there are any days during the first 2 weeks of May that you would NOT be available?

Peggy Sims

Election Research Specialist

U.S. Election Assistance Commission

1225 New York Ave, NW - Ste 1100

Washington, DC 20005

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/11/2006 04:43 PM

To "Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject Re: new working group representative [REDACTED]

Your response suggests that you do not care what the Commissioners may think about the effort. ---
Peggy

"Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>



"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]
05/11/2006 04:35 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: new working group representative

Peggy:

Braden is ok also with me but please don't tell me not to "stir up" things. I assure you nothing will come back to bite me. I know these people well enough to say they will also want a balanced group. In fact, one of them was very unhappy with Tova's folks.

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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> got to pick three
> members of the Working Group. The Commission
> guidance regarding this
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> As I understand it, we are working on a replacement
> for Norcross. If
> Ginsberg is not viable, how about Mark Braden, who
> includes public
> integrity in his areas of specialization. I would
> not try and stir up
> other members of the Working Group, if I were you.
> The effort is likely
> to come back and bite you.

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> "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>
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> > "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/11/2006 04:46 PM

To "Job Serebrov"

Wang

cc

Subject Re: new working group representative

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Dinner sounds like a great idea. Do either of you have any dietary restrictions of preferences? (I seem to recall that Tova would prefer a place that has vegetarian options). I'll try to locate a nearby place that won't bust the budget. --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>



"Job Serebrov"

05/11/2006 04:39 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: new working group representative

On another note entirely, since traffic will be bad going to Roanoke, do you want to have a dinner meeting with Tova and me after the group meeting to discuss the final report? As long as we are out by 7or so I am ok with it. Also, my wife would have to be there as she will be meeting me after the WG.

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"Tova Wang"
<wang@tcf.org>

05/09/2006 11:45 AM

To psims@eac.gov
cc

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Subject RE: Case Summaries

yes

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, May 09, 2006 10:38 AM

To: wang@tcf.org

Subject: Fw: Case Summaries

Had you seen this? --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/09/2006 11:38 AM -----

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

05/08/2006 09:30 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Case Summaries

Peggy:

Please add this to the packet.

Job

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:27 PM -----

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

05/12/2006 03:45 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Good News

I'm thankful it all worked out.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

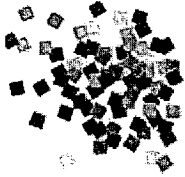
> Ginsberg has accepted our invitation! --- Peggy

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV



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05/02/2006 11:32 AM

To [REDACTED], Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Barbara Arnwine

Peggy,

I just spoke to Valerie Johnson, Ms. Arnwine's assistant. The following are a list of dates that are possible for her attendance;

8th - PM (2pm to 6pm)

9th - Possible PM

16th - PM (1:30pm - 5:30pm)

17th - All day*

18th - All day*

19th - All day*

*All day availability does not begin until after 9:30 or 10:00 AM

I will update this information on the shared drive.

Thanks,

Devon

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"Job Serebroy"

05/08/2006 10:14 AM

To psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org

cc

Subject Re: Working Group

Peggy:

4:00 eastern on Tuesday is fine however, given the financial restrictions that you indicated would be in place for use of my car (I would actually loose money coming to DC) and given the cost of hotels at this time (I can't afford to front these costs and wait for months to be repaid), etc, it would take a miracle for this working group meeting to take place in person. It is looking like the only way it will get done is by teleconference. I also share Tova's concern about the unknown nature of Mr. Perez.

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Hi, Folks:

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> Teleconference
> Are both of you available for a teleconference next
> Tuesday afternoon at
> about 4 PM EST? If this does not work for you,
> please suggest another
> date and/or time. I would like to discuss our
> preparations for the
> Working Group meeting.
>
> Working Group Members
> We have a very good person to fill the slot for the
> nonpartisan local
> election official: J.R. Perez, Elections
> Administrator for Guadalupe
> County, TX. Attached is his bio. Hope you have no
> objections to him. He
> is available on May 18. I have place 2 calls to Pat
> Rogers office, but
> have not yet received a reply. Job, if you have any
> pull with him, you
> may want to contact him, too.
>
> Travel Arrangements
> You should make your own travel arrangements,
> including hotel. Travel
> time cannot be billed to the contract, except for
> hours actually worked on
> the contract (i.e.; reviewing materials in
> preparation for the meeting,
> and the like). Current Federal rates follow:
>
> Maximum Lodging = \$180 per day- does not include
> hotel taxes (if you
> cannot get this rate, we have covered reasonable
> rates that are a little
> higher)
> Meals & Incidentals = \$64 per day (except that it is
> \$48 on the first and
> last day of travel)
> Mileage for Personally Owned Vehicle = \$.445 per
> mile
>
> Under the new contract, I do not have to fill out a
> travel authorization
> for you. I can approve your trip via email.
> Afterwards, when you turn in
> your next pay voucher, you can attach the airline
> receipt (or mileage
> documentation), hotel receipt(s), and ground
> transportation receipts and a
> copy of any printed itineraries. Calculate the
> total travel expenses due
> you, including applicable per diem. I do not need
> meal receipts.
>
> Job, under Federal travel regulations, deviations
> for personal reasons are
> not normally accommodated. What you can do,
> however, is to give me a
> comparison of the cost of roundtrip mileage, hotel,
> and per diem of doing

> it your way against the cost of a roundtrip flight,
> ground transportation,
> hotel, and per diem. If your way costs less, it
> should be no problem to
> cover the full cost. If your way is more expensive,
> we may only pay up to
> the amount of traditional travel. (The same rules
> apply to me when I
> travel.) If you can tell me where, other than DC,
> you will spend the
> night, I can check on applicable per diem rates.
>
> Peggy
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/11/2006 02:35 PM

To Craig Donsanto

cc

Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

Craig:

I think we have resolved the issue of Barbara Arnwine's absence from the upcoming meeting by having one of her staff represent her (and her organization). Please review the attached rough summary of DOJ Cases ASAP and let me know if I need to delete reference to the open investigations. Hopefully, we won't have to remove this information as it does not specify the defendants or States involved. --- Peg

Rough Summary of Department of Justice, Public Integrity Section Activities, October 2002-January 2006

Prosecutions and Convictions-- Individuals

Noncitizen voting: 20

Vote buying: 49

Double voting: 12

Registration fraud: 13

Civil Rights: 4

Voter Intimidation: 2

Unclear: 1

Open Investigations (note: a few cases overlap with prosecutions and convictions)

Noncitizen voting: 3

Vote buying: 25

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Registration fraud: 29

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Absentee ballot fraud: 9
Official: 8
Ineligibles: 4
Deceptive Practices: 1
Civil Rights: 14
Intimidation: 6
Other: 2

Cases and Investigations Closed for Lack of Evidence

Civil Rights: 8
Official: 12
Registration Fraud: 12
Absentee Ballot Fraud: 14
Ineligible Voting: 3
Intimidation: 8
Double Voting: 5
Ballot Box Stuffing: 1
Vote Buying: 14
Ballot/machine tampering: 2
Other: 8
Unclear: 3

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"Donsanto, Craig"
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov
>

To psims@eac.gov

cc

05/04/2006 03:26 PM

Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Peg - - what is the name of the group?

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]
Sent: Thursday, May 04, 2006 3:13 PM
To: Donsanto, Craig
Subject: RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Craig:

This meeting is being held to obtain input from our eight-member Working Group for the project. The group is composed of election lawyers, election officials, and a representative of an advocacy group, all of whom have an interest and some expertise in the identification and/or prosecution of voting fraud and voter intimidation. The group was chosen so that we would have an equal number of folks on each side of the political spectrum, plus some nonpartisan members.

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After our consultants review the results of their preliminary research (interviews, literature review, case law), we will ask the Working Group to brainstorm possible next steps for EAC. Our consultants will write a report summarizing the proposals that come out of this meeting. The report will go to the Commissioners, who will decide what they want to do, funds available, and what priority to assigned to the effort(s).

Your participation in this part of the process is extremely important, so I am very happy that you can find time for us that afternoon. I'll get an agenda and other information to you next week. --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/04/2006 02:32 PM

Topsims@eac.gov

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SubjectRE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Okay, Peg - - I will mark off the entire afternoon and try to be there. What is the agenda? I was not aware that this was anything beyond having your contractors spend another session with me. Also, if they will be needing stats and stuff like that I need to know as I will bring my state-people with me.

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]
Sent: Thursday, May 04, 2006 2:28 PM
To: Donsanto, Craig
Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Right now, we are planning to meet in EAC's large conference room between 1 PM and 5 PM. If you cannot be there for the whole afternoon, we will appreciate whatever time you can spare. I'll get back to you with more information (agenda, list of Working Group members, etc.). --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/03/2006 05:59 PM

Topsims@eac.gov

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SubjectRe: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Afternoon of May 18 -- 2:30 okay? How long will they need??

Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>
To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>
Sent: Wed May 03 16:59:09 2006
Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

I am looking at the afternoon of 5/18 for the meeting, due to scheduling conflicts of Working Group members. There remain two members from whom we have not yet received confirmations of their schedule (with some, it is like pulling teeth), but right now 5/18 still looks like the best day. We may have to hold the meeting over here to make it easier for Commissioners to drop in.
--- Peg

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/03/2006 12:53 PM

To

psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject

Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Okay -- you are on for May 18th! Can we do it over here at 10?

Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>
To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>
Sent: Wed May 03 12:40:19 2006
Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

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Say "Hi" to Cameron for me.

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/03/2006 11:56 AM

To

psims@eac.gov

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Subject

Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>
To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>
Sent: Wed May 03 11:39:50 2006
Subject: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Craig:

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Peggy Sims
Election Research Specialist
U.S. Election Assistance Commission

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"Job Serebrov"

05/12/2006 09:05 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Question

Peg:

Since I am driving to DC, besides hotel receipts, do you want me to keep my gas receipts or how will my car use be compensated? Also, I assume I don't have to retain food receipts.

Job

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/03/2006 12:40 PM

To "Donsanto, Craig"

<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>@GSAEXTERNAL

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05/03/2006 11:56 AM

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Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/11/2006 02:08 PM

To Job Serebrov

cc wang@tcf.org

Subject Literature Summary

Tova just sent me the summary you prepared of The Federal Crime of Election Fraud by Craig Donsanto. There is something wrong in the fourth paragraph (odd characters and missing text). Can you please send a replacement fourth paragraph? You can send it in an email and I will place it in the document. ---
Peggy

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/10/2006 10:32 AM

To Devon Romig

cc

Subject Fw: Court Reporter for Working Group Meeting

Devon:


We have the OK from Tom to obtain a court reporter. Per his response (attached), please coordinate with Joyce. Also, I understand the reporter for the Asian Language Working Group arrived late. Please find out how we can ensure the one for our meeting arrives on time. Thanks! --- Peggy

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Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV

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05/10/2006 10:29 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC
cc
Subject Re: Fw: Court Reporter for Working Group Meeting 

Yes. please let Joyce know and she will get someone
Tom

Thomas R. Wilkey
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV
05/10/2006 10:26 AM

To twilkey@eac.gov
cc DScott@eac.gov, Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC
Subject Fw: Court Reporter for Working Group Meeting

Tom:

I understand that EAC hired a court reporter for the Asian Language Working Group meeting. I would like to do the same for the May 18 Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group meeting, but I did not include funds in my budget for this service. Do we have funds that could be used for this purpose? (See Devon's cost estimate below.) --- Peggy

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

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To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC
cc
Subject Court reporter

Peggy,

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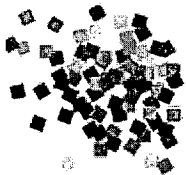
I spoke to the people who usually handle the EAC court reporting. They charge \$9.00 per page with an average of 40 pages per hour. This service would cost about \$1800.00.

The turn around time for the transcript is 10 to 15 days. The transcripts comes in a bound paper copy and an electronic copy.

I can also check around for different prices.

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

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To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

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Subject Secretary Rokita's schedule

Peggy,

I just spoke to Nathan Cane (Secretary Rokita's assistant). He did not have any new information but they are going to have a scheduling meeting tomorrow morning and he will ask specifically about the afternoon of May 18th. I also reminded him to find out any of the days that he was not available or any of the days that he had could attend the meeting in the morning or the afternoon.

Thanks,

Devon

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

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To Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

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Subject Re: VFVI Working Group

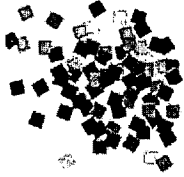
Devon:

I forgot to tell you that Thor Hearne's assistant is named Bethany. She can be reached at 314/613-2510.

--- Peggy

Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/04/2006 12:33 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc Edgardo Cortes/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject VFVI Working Group

Peggy,

I have called each of the participants. So far I have a definite confirmation from Kathy Rogers.

Here is the list of the out of town participants for the Voter Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group:

Mark Hearne II - St. Louis, MO

Todd Rokita - Indianapolis, IN

Kathy Rogers - Atlanta, GA

Possible Participant.

Patrick Rogers - New Mexico

Thanks,

Devon Romig

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"Tova Wang"

<wang@tcf.org>

05/11/2006 05:32 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: new working group representative

I'm up for a short meeting afterward and a teleconference on Monday. And maybe when all of this is over, you and I can have dinner! Have I told you that I am moving down to DC this summer?

I suspect you have put up with much more than I have and I really appreciate everything you have done.

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2006 4:27 PM

To: wang@tcf.org

Subject: RE: new working group representative

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Tova:

I understood Job to say that he could only find a hotel room with the right bed in Roanoke (hours away). He will drive in Thursday morning for the meeting and return to that hotel Thursday night. He won't drive back into DC for a Friday morning meeting.

We don't have to do dinner. I recognize that you have spent a lot of time and energy to make this project work, and I don't want to put you out. (You have done a lot under difficult circumstances.) Though we will be bushed, we may want to have a short meeting right after the Working Group disperses --- or we could do a teleconference the following Monday afternoon (before I head into three more days of meetings). --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

05/11/2006 04:54 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]

cc

Subject RE: new working group representative

It would not be my first preference to do this right after the meeting, and I sort of had tentative plans. They can be changed if necessary of course, but what happened to meeting on Friday morning?

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2006 3:47 PM

To: serebrov@sbcglobal.net; wang@tcf.org

Subject: Re: new working group representative

Dinner sounds like a great idea. Do either of you have any dietary restrictions of preferences? (I seem to recall that Tova would prefer a place that has vegetarian options). I'll try to locate a nearby place that won't bust the budget. --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

05/11/2006 04:39 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: new working group representative

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On another note entirely, since traffic will be bad going to Roanoke, do you want to have a dinner meeting with Tova and me after the group meeting to discuss the final report? As long as we are out by 7 or so I am ok with it. Also, my wife would have to be there as she will be meeting me after the WG.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> According to the Commissioners, you and Tova each
> got to pick three
> members of the Working Group. The Commission
> guidance regarding this
> particular member follows:
>
> 4 people from the Academic, Legal and Advocacy
> sectors - 2 to be chosen by
> Tova and 2 to be chosen by Job.
>
> This issue of allowing a designee relates to Tova's
> pick.
>
> As I understand it, we are working on a replacement
> for Norcross. If
> Ginsberg is not viable, how about Mark Braden, who
> includes public
> integrity in his areas of specialization. I would
> not try and stir up
> other members of the Working Group, if I were you.
> The effort is likely
> to come back and bite you.
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>
> "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>
> 05/11/2006 03:53 PM
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> To
> psims@eac.gov
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> Subject
> Re: new working group representative
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> I really don't care if he represents the
> organization
> or not. What mixed race? The entire discussion was
> because Arnwine was African-American. If you are
> going
> to invite him without first having a replacement for
> my side, I may have to call Thor and Todd and
> discuss
> all of this.
>
> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:
>
> > Greenbaum is representing Arnwine, not replacing
> > her. He works for her
> > organization and is of mixed race. --- Peggy
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> >
> > "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>
> > 05/11/2006 03:36 PM
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> > To
> > "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>, psims@eac.gov
> > cc
> > [REDACTED]
> > Subject
> > Re: new working group representative
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> > I have an objection to Greenbaum. While I realize
> > he
> > comes from an advocacy group, he is not a minority
> > attorney and we already have a rep who worked with
> > DOJ. If it is to be Greenbaum, I would rather not
> > fill
> > that position since I am one down.
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> > --- Tova Wang <wang@tcf.org> wrote:
> >
> > > is Jon Greenbaum
> > >
> > > Here' s his info in full:
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[http://www.lawyerscommittee.org/2005website/aboutus/staff/staffgreenbaum
.htm](http://www.lawyerscommittee.org/2005website/aboutus/staff/staffgreenbaum.htm)
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> > > He is the Director of the Voting Rights Project
> > for
> > > the Lawyers Committee
> > > for Civil Rights. He will be representing

The Election Assistance Commission (EAC) will cover the cost of your flight, the cost of your hotel room and provide you with a daily per diem. The cost of the airfare and the hotel stay will be paid directly by the EAC, as long as you book your travel through Adventure Travel.

To coordinate your flight and hotel stay, please contact Marvin Brokaw of Adventure Travel at (205) 444-4800, ext. 3501. Please note that the eligible dates of the hotel accommodation include the evenings on May 17th and May 18th. Once you have contacted him and you have received the itinerary via e-mail you must forward me a copy immediately so that I can complete a travel authorization form.

I have included two attachments with this email; the first attachment is a letter that contains important information that you will need to know before calling the travel agent and the second attachment provides some general information that should help you get around the city during your trip.

In addition to your travel itinerary, I will also need the following information by the close of business this Friday May 12, 2006 in order to complete your travel authorization:

Full Name:

Title:

Entity for whom you work:

Address to Which the Reimbursement Check Will Be Mailed:

Work Telephone:

Fax Number:

Social Security #: (if uncomfortable e-mailing this, feel free to call me):

Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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"Tova Wang"
<wang@tcf.org>

05/11/2006 01:30 PM

To psims@eac.gov, dromig@eac.gov

cc

Subject research summaries

I have the feeling we didn't include these in the original batch I sent you. Could you double check and if not, would you please include them in the existing research materials? Sorry and thanks. I'm kind of doing all of this on my own in case you couldn't tell. List is coming...

Tova Andrea Wang

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"Job Serebrov"

05/08/2006 01:41 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Working Group

Given the information I have Peggy, that is not going to be financially possible. First, given Tova's info about the hotels, it is too much for me to front. Two to three days in DC would run around \$1000 for the hotel alone. That does not count the two days on the road to get there and two days back. Second, if I can't charge the federal per mile allowance for the entire trip to DC and back and can only get the equivalent of plane fare, I will actually lose money.

I simply do not see how we can do this in person given the financial restrictions.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Job:
>
> I don't think we can put you on teleconference for
> 4 1/2 hours. We really
> need to have you here in person if you are to help
> conduct the Working
> Group meeting. You should make your travel
> arrangements ASAP. --- Peggy
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> "Job Serebrov"
> 05/08/2006 10:14 AM
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> To
> psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org
> cc

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> Subject
> Re: Working Group
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> Peggy:
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> 4:00 eastern on Tuesday is fine however, given the
> financial restrictions that you indicated would be
> in
> place for use of my car (I would actually loose
> money
> coming to DC) and given the cost of hotels at this
> time (I can't afford to front these costs and wait
> for
> months to be repaid), etc, it would take a miracle
> for
> this working group meeting to take place in person.
> It
> is looking like the only way it will get done is by
> teleconference. I also share Tova's concern about
> the
> unknown nature of Mr. Perez.
>
> Job
>
>
> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:
>
> > Hi, Folks:
> >
> > Teleconference
> > Are both of you available for a teleconference
> next
> > Tuesday afternoon at
> > about 4 PM EST? If this does not work for you,
> > please suggest another
> > date and/or time. I would like to discuss our
> > preparations for the
> > Working Group meeting.
> >
> > Working Group Members
> > We have a very good person to fill the slot for
> the
> > nonpartisan local
> > election official: J.R. Perez, Elections
> > Administrator for Guadalupe
> > County, TX. Attached is his bio. Hope you have
> no
> > objections to him. He
> > is available on May 18. I have place 2 calls to
> Pat
> > Rogers office, but
> > have not yet received a reply. Job, if you have
> any
> > pull with him, you
> > may want to contact him, too.

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> > Travel Arrangements
> > You should make your own travel arrangements,
> > including hotel. Travel
> > time cannot be billed to the contract, except for
> > hours actually worked on
> > the contract (i.e.; reviewing materials in
> > preparation for the meeting,
> > and the like). Current Federal rates follow:
> >
> > Maximum Lodging = \$180 per day- does not include
> > hotel taxes (if you
> > cannot get this rate, we have covered reasonable
> > rates that are a little
> > higher)
> > Meals & Incidentals = \$64 per day (except that it
> > is
> > \$48 on the first and
> > last day of travel)
> > Mileage for Personally Owned Vehicle = \$.445 per
> > mile
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> > Under the new contract, I do not have to fill out
> > a
> > travel authorization
> > for you. I can approve your trip via email.
> > Afterwards, when you turn in
> > your next pay voucher, you can attach the airline
> > receipt (or mileage
> > documentation), hotel receipt(s), and ground
> > transportation receipts and a
> > copy of any printed itineraries. Calculate the
> > total travel expenses due
> > you, including applicable per diem. I do not need
> > meal receipts.
> >
> > Job, under Federal travel regulations, deviations
> > for personal reasons are
> > not normally accommodated. What you can do,
> > however, is to give me a
> > comparison of the cost of roundtrip mileage,
> > hotel,
> > and per diem of doing
> > it your way against the cost of a roundtrip
> > flight,
> > ground transportation,
> > hotel, and per diem. If your way costs less, it
> > should be no problem to
> > cover the full cost. If your way is more
> > expensive,
> > we may only pay up to
> > the amount of traditional travel. (The same rules
> > apply to me when I
> > travel.) If you can tell me where, other than DC,
> > you will spend the
> > night, I can check on applicable per diem rates.
> >
> > Peggy
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/26/2006 08:04 PM

To "Tova Andrea Wang" <wang@tcf.org>

cc

Subject Re: wg

Let me check with Devon early tomorrow. If she did not hear from him this afternoon, I'll have her contact you. Perhaps you will have more success than we have.

Peggy

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Original Message -----

From: "Tova Wang" [wang@tcf.org]

Sent: 04/26/2006 05:46 PM

To: Margaret Sims

Subject: wg

Do you want me to call both Bob too?

Tova Andrea Wang

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To Paul DeGregorio

cc Amie J. Sherrill/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject New Working Group Member

FYI - The person I mentioned as a replacement for David Norcross, who was unavailable, could not attend or Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group meeting. Our consultant, Job Serebrov, suggested Benjamin Ginsberg, who is willing. I'm sorry I could not check with you on this beforehand --- things

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happened so fast! --- Peggy

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"Tova Wang"
<wang@tcf.org>

05/11/2006 03:56 PM

To "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED] psims@eac.gov
cc

Subject RE: new working group representative

That was not the only reason -- it was to have someone from the civil rights community. I hardly think you can have a discussion about voter intimidation and suppression without someone with that background at the table. I know you agree with this given what you've said to me in the past.

-----Original Message-----

From: Job Serebrov [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2006 2:48 PM
To: Tova Wang; psims@eac.gov
Subject: RE: new working group representative

We don't know about Ginsburg but it was only stated, over my objection, that no current invitee was being disinvited. This does not apply to representatives of those people in my mind, especially when the main specific reason for inviting the person was her race.

--- Tova Wang <wang@tcf.org> wrote:

> He is representing Barbara Arnwine, and we have
> already established we are
> not disinviting anyone. We still don't know about
> Ginsburg yet anyway,
> right?

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Job Serebrov [mailto:[REDACTED]]
> Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2006 2:36 PM
> To: Tova Wang; psims@eac.gov
> Cc: serebrov@sbcglobal.net
> Subject: Re: new working group representative

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> I have an objection to Greenbaum. While I realize he
> comes from an advocacy group, he is not a minority
> attorney and we already have a rep who worked with
> DOJ. If it is to be Greenbaum, I would rather not
> fill
> that position since I am one down.

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> --- Tova Wang <wang@tcf.org> wrote:

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> > is Jon Greenbaum

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> > Here' s his info in full:

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<http://www.lawyerscommittee.org/2005website/aboutus/staff/staffgreenbaum.htm>

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> > He is the Director of the Voting Rights Project
> > for
> > the Lawyers Committee
> > for Civil Rights. He will be representing Barbara
> > Arnwine, the Executive
> > Director of the Lawyers Committee.
> >
> > His contact and mailing info is:
> >
> > jgreenbaum@lawyerscommittee.org
> > 202-662-8315
> > 1401 New York Avenue, NW
> > Suite 400
> > Washington, DC 20005
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"Job Serebrov"

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To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Working Group-Perez

The code attachment did not work that is what I meant
by it did not come through.

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--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Did you look at the attached excerpts from Texas
> Code? --- Peggy

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> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED] >

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> We have the same set-up here in Arkansas. We hired a
> person just like Perez. However, given this, I would
> still like to know if he has a party affiliation and
> this brings up another issue. How is the county
> election commission chosen. In Arkansas it is the
> Chairmen of the Republican and Democrat Parties or
> if

> he/she does not want to serve a person is elected in
> his/her stead and a third member picked by the party
> with the most constitutional officers. Practically
> that has meant that the Democrats have controlled
> election commissions in Arkansas since the end of
> Reconstruction. This is why I want to know the
> situation in Texas.

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> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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> > As you may recall, the Commissioners directed me
> to

> > find a nonpartisan

> > local election official to serve on the Working

> > Group. The three of us

> > discussed the desirability of having a HIspanic.

> I

> > proposed that I find

> > someone from Texas because of that State's

> colorful

> > history of voting

> > fraud and their innovative approaches to combat
> it.

> > In those Texas

> > counties that hire Election Administrators to run

> > elections, rather than

> > having elected officials do so (Tax Assessor for

> > voter registration;

> > County Clerk for balloting), the Election

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> > Administrator is hired by the
> > County Election Commission and is supposed to
> > perform his or her duties in
> > a nonpartisan manner. (See attached excerpts from
> > Texas Election Code
> > regarding election administrator hiring and
> > restrictions on partisan
> > activity.)
> > Any experienced Texas election official will be
> > familiar with voting fraud
> > and voter intimidation schemes used in that State.
>
> > Mr. Perez has over 13
> > years experience as a county Election
> Administrator
> > in Texas. You won't
> > find many news articles mentioning him because he
> > has kept his nose clean.
> > (The Texas press, as in many other parts of the
> > country, prefers to
> > report bad news.) Mr. Perez is plugged into the
> > association of Texas
> > election officials and the two largest
> organizations
> > of election officials
> > in this country: the International Association of
> > Clerks, Recorders,
> > Election Officials and Treasurers (IACREOT); and
> The
> > Election Center. He
> > is a past President and past Chairman of the
> > Legislative Committee for the
> > Texas Association of Election Administrators. He
> > currently serves on
> > IACREOT's Election Officials Committee, which
> plans
> > the educational
> > sessions for election officials that are conducted
> > at that organization's
> > conferences. His peers in IACREOT and The
> Election
> > Center have selected
> > his submissions on web presentations (IACREOT) and
> > his professional
> > practices papers (Election Center) for awards.
> Mr.
> > Perez also has access
> > to information from other States through his
> > membership in IACREOT and The
> > Election Center. He also has a sense of humor,
> > which you will note if you
> > access the staff web page on the Guadalupe County
> > Elections web site and
> > hear the Mission Impossible theme .. something
> that
> > might be useful in the
> > upcoming meeting.
> >
> > Guadalupe County is small but growing. In 2004,
> the
> > county had over 65

> > thousand registered voters (a number more than
> > doubled the number of
> > registered voters in 1988). A third of the
> county's
> > population claims
> > Hispanic or Latino origin, according to the U.S.
> > Census Bureau. The county
> > is in south central Texas and is bordered by
> Comal,
> > Hays, Cladwell,
> > Gonzales, Wilson, and Bexar counties. In the
> 1980s,
> > the county was
> > predominately a farming community; but in recent
> > years, many people have
> > moved from San Antonio (Bexar County) to Guadalupe
> > County, preferring to
> > live in Guadalupe County and work in Bexar County.

> > --- Peggy

> > "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]
> > 05/08/2006 11:30 PM

> > To
> > psims@eac.gov
> > cc

> > Subject
> > Re: Working Group

> > Peggy:

> > What political party is Perez with? How political
> > is
> > he? Is the position in Texas neutral or political?
> > Who
> > appointed Perez?
> >
> > As to Pat I will contact him but I can't promise
> > anything. If Pat can't come, who is getting
> > knocked
> > off Tova's list?

> > Job

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To Craig Donsanto

cc

Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Craig:

We are continuing our efforts to hone in on a date for the Working Group meeting. Are you available the afternoon of Thursday, May 18?

Peggy Sims
Election Research Specialist
U.S. Election Assistance Commission

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"Tova Wang"

<wang@tcf.org>

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To psims@eac.gov

cc dromig@eac.gov, [REDACTED]

Subject existing literature list

Job, please double check to make sure I haven't missed anything

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To "Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>@GSAEXTERNAL

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Subject RE: new working group representative

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Tova:

I understood Job to say that he could only find a hotel room with the right bed in Roanoke (hours away). He will drive in Thursday morning for the meeting and return to that hotel Thursday night. He won't drive back into DC for a Friday morning meeting.

We don't have to do dinner. I recognize that you have spent a lot of time and energy to make this project work, and I don't want to put you out. (You have done a lot under difficult circumstances.) Though we will be bushed, we may want to have a short meeting right after the Working Group disperses --- or we could do a teleconference the following Monday afternoon (before I head into three more days of meetings). --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" <wang@tcf.org>



"Tova Wang"
<wang@tcf.org>

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To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]

cc

Subject RE: new working group representative

It would not be my first preference to do this right after the meeting, and I sort of had tentative plans. They can be changed if necessary of course, but what happened to meeting on Friday morning?

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2006 3:47 PM

To: [REDACTED] wang@tcf.org

Subject: Re: new working group representative

Dinner sounds like a great idea. Do either of you have any dietary restrictions or preferences? (I seem to recall that Tova would prefer a place that has vegetarian options). I'll try to locate a nearby place that won't bust the budget. --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

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To psims@eac.gov

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Subject Re: new working group representative

On another note entirely, since traffic will be bad

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Peg,

Correct me if I'm wrong, but I think I omitted sending you these specific summaries that are based on complex cases that could not be adequately described within the confines of the nexis article excel spreadsheets. If we can, these should be included, probably on the disc. Sorry.

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To Job Serebrov

cc

Subject Court Case Charts

Job

In preparing the CDs, we have run across the following files that appear to be duplicates. Which ones should go on the CD? --- Peggy



Chart Election Accessible.doc



Chart Vote Inaccessible.doc



Chart Denial Voter Registrat.doc



Chart Denial Voter Registrat2.doc



Chart Provisional Ballot Den.doc



Chart Provisional Ballot Den2.doc

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Here is the issue---four of the five people who

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going to Roanoke, do you want to have a dinner meeting with Tova and me after the group meeting to discuss the final report? As long as we are out by 7or so I am ok with it. Also, my wife would have to be there as she will be meeting me after the WG.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> According to the Commissioners, you and Tova each
> got to pick three
> members of the Working Group. The Commission
> guidance regarding this
> particular member follows:
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> 4 people from the Academic, Legal and Advocacy
> sectors - 2 to be chosen by
> Tova and 2 to be chosen by Job.
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> This issue of allowing a designee relates to Tova's
> pick.
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> As I understand it, we are working on a replacement
> for Norcross. If
> Ginsberg is not viable, how about Mark Braden, who
> includes public
> integrity in his areas of specialization. I would
> not try and stir up
> other members of the Working Group, if I were you.
> The effort is likely
> to come back and bite you.
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>
> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]
> 05/11/2006 03:53 PM
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> To
> psims@eac.gov
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> Re: new working group representative
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> I really don't care if he represents the
> organization
> or not. What mixed race? The entire discussion was
> because Arnwine was African-American. If you are
> going
> to invite him without first having a replacement for
> my side, I may have to call Thor and Todd and
> discuss
> all of this.